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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
 U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
 December 21, 1916—Rainfall
 last twenty-four hours, .44
 Temperature, min., 65; max.,
 74. Weather, pt. cloudy.

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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS
 96* Centrifugal N. Y. Cents Dollars
 Price, Hawaiian basis 5.14 \$102.80
 Last previous quotation 5.205 \$104.10

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SECRETARY OF STATE DECLARES PRESIDENT'S NOTES NOT PEACE MOVE

Lansing Says That Mr. Wilson Is Merely Seeking To Find Out What Terms the Belligerent Powers Would Be Willing To Accept; Diplomats Hint Executive Sought To Forestall Outbreak of Teuton "Frightfulness" Which Might Force United States Into Whirlpool

BRITISH FEELING MIXED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 22—The abrupt announcement from the White House at midnight yesterday that the President had issued a circular note to the Powers, neutral and belligerent, in which he suggested that the latter should issue each a definite and authoritative statement as to the aim sought through the war created a profound sensation throughout the country, so much so that Secretary of State Lansing felt obliged to issue a supplementary statement making it plain that the President had not issued his note without due premeditation and without proper reason.

The first impression created through the announcement of the despatch of the note was that the President had taken the initiative in a peace movement and that he had prejudiced the attitude of the United States as a possible principal when mediation is requested by some one of the warring Powers.

NOTES NOT PEACE MOVE

That the President's suggestion that the terms upon which the contesting Powers would consent to peace was not primarily a peace move was made plain yesterday, Secretary Lansing announcing that the information asked for was more to guide the United States in its future attitude than for any other one thing. "Events have so shaped themselves," he stated, "that the United States has been brought at times to the brink of war and there is no certainty as to the future. It is essential, therefore, that the United States should have a clear understanding of exactly what each belligerent seeks 'in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.'"

The United States has "been drawing nearer to the verge of war," said the secretary, and the unexpected move of the President may be regarded as "indicating the possibility of our being drawn into the war."

"Neither the President nor I regard the note as a peace note," he said, accompanying this statement with the hope that the fact of the nearness of war may have a sobering effect upon the nation.

POLICY NOT ALTERED

In a supplementary statement, Secretary Lansing said that he wished to correct the impression that might be formed from his first statement, first that the general policy of the United States towards the European situation had been materially altered and, second, that the suggestion that the United States might be forced into war was meant in any threatening way towards any particular governments. The policy of the United States is unchanged, he said, and no threats are intended.

A resolution presented in the senate, "strongly endorsing" the sentiments expressed in the President's note, was not acted upon, despite the request of its introducer that it be taken up at once. It was sent to the committee on foreign relations for consideration and report.

Despatches from London showed that the action of the President had produced a profound impression there, not because there is any general feeling that it may lead to a speedy termination of the war, but because of the astonishment that he should have taken such a course.

BRITISH CABINET ASTONISHED

Members of the cabinet of parliament and the leading daily journals expressed their astonishment alike. The fact that previous advices from this city had led all to suppose that the President would not, at this time take any move looking toward peace added to the shock of the notes he has sent to the belligerent powers.

The Post of Liverpool also feels that President Wilson has made a sad mistake in taking the action he has. It says in an editorial printed this morning, according to despatches from the English city, "Mr. Wilson must not be surprised if he finds that his note has produced an effect exactly contrary to that which he had in mind. We in this country are justified in feeling that his attempt at intervention is ill-timed and misjudged."

"The President must be aware of the dangers of haste in intervention," declares the Daily News, which goes on to say that "the people of this country will receive his note in an appreciative spirit."

The Daily Chronicle is not so kindly in its attitude, but says that "the words of Mr. Wilson are an unintentional insult which the Allies can hardly relish."

FIGHT NOW FOR PEACE

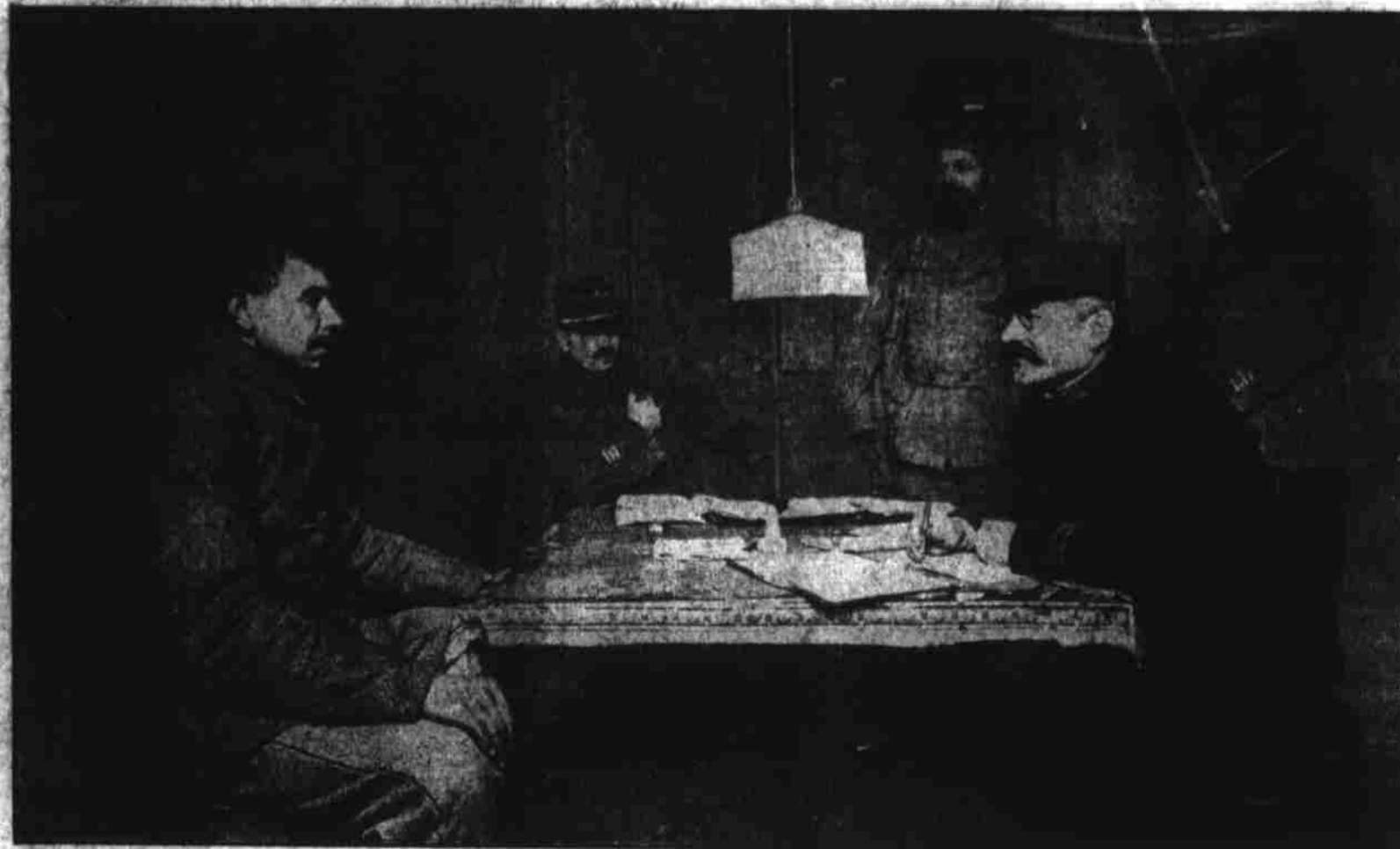
In commenting upon the notes, Bonar Law, member of the war council and the cabinet, said: "We are fighting peace now that later on we and our children may be assured of a secure peace. The Allied Nations cannot and will not stop until the German nation has been punished for the crimes of its leaders and has been taught that 'frightfulness' can not be made to pay in this stage of the world's advancement."

The official text of the note will be published simultaneously in all the Entente countries today.

The impression in London is that the receipt of the note will not be allowed to interfere with the plan already agreed upon by the Allies to send a joint reply to the German proposals, probably before Christmas.

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French Officers Questioning Prisoner Just Brought In From Trenches



SPRING SUED FOR ACT OF DAUGHTER

Miss Minnie Coggins Asks \$50,000 For Killing of Mrs. Mary Moore Here

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, December 22—A suit for \$50,000 damages was filed here yesterday against John Spring, multi-millionaire of Berkeley, by Miss Minnie Coggins, daughter of Mrs. Mary Moore, who was run down and killed by an automobile in Honolulu about a year ago.

The claim for damages against Spring is based on the fact that, although Spring was not in the machine at the time, he is responsible for his minor daughter, Dorothy Spring, who was in the automobile at the time Mrs. Moore was killed.

The suit is based upon the running down of Mrs. Moore by an automobile in which were riding Miss Spring and Dr. John C. Pedon, then interne at The Queen's Hospital. Miss Spring was on her way back from the Orient with her mother, and had stopped off for a few days in the Islands.

HILLES SAYS PARTY LACKED REAL LEADER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 NEW YORK, December 22—At a meeting of the Republican leaders held here yesterday to discuss plans for the next presidential campaign, Charles D. Hilles, former chairman of the Republican national committee, attributed the defeat of the party at the last election to the lack of a strong party leader. He said: "The Republican party failed at the November election because we did not have a strong leader. Hughes lacked the magnetic qualities necessary in a presidential candidate to fire the imagination of the country."

CLAUDE WHITE WEDS
 (Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 LONDON, December 21—Claude Graham White, the noted English aviator, married today Ethel Levey, ex-wife of George Cohan, in Liverpool.

American Money Will Rebuild French Town

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 VITRAMONT, France, December 22—With simple but appropriate ceremonies the corner stone of the first building to be rebuilt in this village was laid yesterday by United States Ambassador Sharp. Vitramont, utterly destroyed early in the war by gunfire from both the Germans and the French, was one of the many beautiful French villages that were wiped out during the German drive towards Paris. Funds for the rebuilding of the town were raised by Mrs. William H. Crocker, wife of the president of the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco.

BOPP ADMITS DETECTIVE WAS IN CONSUL'S EMPLOY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 SAN FRANCISCO, December 22—Franz Bopp, consul-general for Germany at this port, who is on trial in the United States district court as one of the alleged conspirators in the so-called "bomb plot," today took the witness stand in his own defense yesterday. Bopp admitted that Charles C. Crowley, a detective who is one of the co-defendants and whom the government accused of being the consul-general's agent, was employed by Vice-consul von Schack. He also admitted that the vice-consul had employed Louis J. Smith, another of the defendants on the bomb plot cases and the government's star witness. It is charged by the government that Smith was employed by Bopp to plant bombs on vessels sailing from Seattle and other ports with munitions for the Entente allies. The consul-general insisted on the stand, however, that Smith and Crowley were engaged only as confidential agents to seek information regarding violations of neutrality by nations of the Entente, and not to plant bombs. Alvin Smith, a nephew of Louis J. Smith, testified for the defense to the effect that Louis J. Smith had boasted that he was to get \$20,000 from the government. E. H. von Schack, German vice-consul, testified that he purchased a bomb for \$25 from one Koelhergen, whose name has also been prominent in the case. He said that Koelhergen's sales argument was that it was the kind "used in the trenches." He later learned it was an old invention and had come from a vault.

BILL FOR UNIVERSAL TRAINING READY SOON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22—A bill providing a definite plan for universal military training will be before congress in January, it was announced here yesterday. The bill will give the estimated complete cost of instituting such a system. Secretary of War Baker this week went out on record as in favor of universal military training, which places the power of the administration behind the proposed measure. The bill which congress will be called upon to consider has been promulgated by the army staff. Major General Scott, chief of staff, made a statement yesterday in favor of a greatly enlarged regular army. "If we are to rely for protection upon our regular army," he said, "the army must immediately be tremendously increased."

"WAR BABIES" SLUMP ON STOCK EXCHANGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 NEW YORK, December 21—In the most memorable market today since the war broke out active stocks suffered a further shrinkage of from five to fifteen points. The liquidation, following the President's note, embraces shares of all description. The total sales are estimated at 2,700,000 shares, which figure has been exceeded only a few times in the history of the exchange.

COMMANDER EARL IS TO HEAD ORDNANCE BUREAU

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, December 22—The senate yesterday confirmed the appointment of Commander Ralph Earle to be chief of the bureau of ordnance of the navy with the rank of rear admiral. He succeeds Rear-admiral Strauss, who has returned to sea duty as commander of the battleship Nevada.

JAPANESE SHIP SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 TOKYO, December 21—All of the crew of the Shosho Toku, steamship company's steamer Toku Maru, which was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean sea, yesterday was safely landed at the port of Brindisi, France.

CONGRESSMAN ACCUSES HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22—Executive heads of the national government are opposing the \$28,000,000 omnibus bill, which provides for government buildings, was the charge made yesterday by Congressman Clark of the house public buildings committee. "The reason the executive heads of the government are opposing the omnibus bill," said Clark, "is because they desire to take the authorization for public buildings away from congress and turn it over to department bureaucrats."

FOUR POWERS NOW SEEK AMERICAN AID IN CHINA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 PEKING, December 21—The Russian, Japanese, British and French legations here have indicated a desire for American cooperation in a reorganization loan of ten million pounds.

BARON RELEASED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, December 21—Baron Oppenheim, who arrived a few days ago and was detained at Ellis Island, has been released on a bond of \$1000 and further investigation will be made of the case for the next three months.

COMMITTEE FAVORS "DRY" AMENDMENT

If Finally Enacted Into Law Proposed Measure Will Wipe Out Liquor Traffic

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 WASHINGTON, December 21—A national prohibition constitutional amendment, submitting to the States the amendment which will wipe out the liquor traffic in the United States, was ordered favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee today. The committee stood thirteen to three for the favorably report, the dissenting members being Culberson and Reed, Democrats, and Brandegee, Republican. The amendment is materially altered from the form in which it was reported to the house. The senate postoffice committee today ordered a favorable report on the Bank head bill to bar liquor advertisements from the mails in prohibition States.

IRISH REBELS WILL BE FREED AT WAR'S CLOSE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 LONDON, December 22—It was formally announced here last night that the government intends to release the Irish prisoners held for their part in the Dublin revolt so soon as the war has ended. This statement was made by Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, who said that when "the time comes it will be to our advantage to release these misguided men."

PRESIDENT GETS GIFTS OF REAL BUFFALO MEAT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 AMARILLO, Texas, December 22—Buffalo meat, the first that has been killed in Texas for twenty-five years, has been shipped from this city to President Wilson, Secretary McAdoo and French Ambassador Jusserand.

FIGHTING IN MEXICO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 EL PASO, December 21—A battle between Carranzistas and Villistas is in progress at Escalon, north of Torreon, according to reports.

Schwab Urges Low Tolls On Canal For Americans

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
 NEW YORK, December 22—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel works, in an address last night declared that the United States should see to it that congress enacts regulations providing for lower tolls for American ships passing through the Panama canal than are charged foreign ships. "Otherwise," he added, "America will find after the war that she is at a most tremendous disadvantage, and will refuse to compete with the vast numbers of foreign vessels which will pour through that waterway."

SLAVS ROUND UPON FOEMEN IN DOBRUDJA BEATING THEM

Reports of Fighting Between Danube and Black Sea Tell of Successful Attacks By Entente Forces and Teuton Retreat

RUSS ALSO BEAT BACK THE ENEMY IN THE CARPATHIANS

Heavy Guns Are Celebrating Coming of Third Christmas In the Trenches But Infantry On Western Lines Is Inactive

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 22—The change in the aspect of affairs in the Balkans, which the military writers of the Entente countries have been predicting for some time, appears to have come at last, and the Germans are being repulsed in the Dobrudja district where the Russians and Rumanians are more than holding their own.

Such at least is the gist of the reports which have been received from both the fighting forces in that theater of the great war. In the Carpathians, where the Russians have been alternately advancing and retreating for some months, they appear now to have definitely taken the offensive once more, and last night Petrograd reported that the Slav forces have successfully attacked the Germans and Austrians holding some important heights, and have driven them from their positions. HEIGHTS TAKEN

In the Dobrudja district also the fighting has been in the hilly country of the northern section of that region, which lies between the bend of the Danube, as it turns east and flows toward the Black Sea, and the sea coast. Here the Germans and Bulgars are reported to have been beaten back by the defenders of the country.

They had taken some heights which commanded the Russian-Rumanian lines for several miles, and threatened to force the Entente troops to fall back still farther, but the Russians sent reinforcements of men and guns to the sorely pressed troops and attacked yesterday morning. The fighting was extremely bloody and desperate while it lasted, but the Entente pressure was too much for the Teutons who retreated, leaving their wounded and dead behind them.

RUSSIANS PURSUING

The Slavs followed and the latest reports state that they are now struggling to drive the Teutonic forces from other positions along the crest of a range of hills to the south of the one they lost yesterday.

Across the river in Rumania proper the fighting is still more in favor of the invaders, who are reported to be slowly advancing, on both sides of the Iusu-Racovitzeri.

The Carpathian fighting took place to the southeast of Kimpung-Jacobi pass, for which the Slavs have been battling for months.

VERDUN GUNS BUSY

The big guns on the Verdun front have been monopolizing most

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